Cutcherry should also be constructed to enable the ryots to take manure, etc., to the Anayara *ela*. The Member then presented a petition from the inhabitants of the Kadagampalli *pakuthi* praying for the above bund and road.

He next urged the need for the establishment of a Magistrate's Court at Kazhakutam. At present, people had to go to Trivandrum with every application for remand. The High Court were against the proposal, but the grievances of the people were real and remained unredressed.

Lastly, he requested that the Police outpost at Vattiyurkavu should be converted into a charging station or the *pakuthies* of Anjamada and Aramada, which were under the jurisdiction of the Kazhakuttam station, should be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Cantonment station, and Rendamada *pakuthi* to the Fort station, in Trivandrum.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the Police station, a report will be called for from the Commissioner of Police. The other requests are noted.

62. Agricultural needs of the Mavelikara taluk.

Mr. K. Govinda Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that paddy cultivation in Central Travancore depended upon proper facilities being provided for irrigation and drainage and that there were many canals there for taking water to and from the Pamba, Kulakkada and other rivers. But those canals had become silted up owing to long neglect. In the interests of agriculture it was necessary that they should be promptly repaired. The most important of such canals in the Mavelikara taluk was the one from the Arattukadavu to Thodiyur. The necessity of repairing the canal had been brought up at previous sessions of the Assembly and its repair was taken up two years ago but left unfinished. The canal should be improved as soon as possible.

Another equally urgent work was the provision of an outlet to the Karingali-chal in Nuranad. There were two canals running across the *chal* one of which joined the river at Ayiranikuzhi. Either the bed of the river should be deepened at that part so as to allow free flow of water from the *chal* which was on a lower level than that of the river, or the other canal should be repaired and made useful.

He next requested that an Agricultural Inspector should be appointed for the taluk and a Veterinary Inspector posted for 3 months in the taluk to attend to the treatment of cattle.

The Member also advocated the establishment of an Agricultural School in each Division for imparting instruction in scientific methods of agriculture to the students coming out of the Vernacular schools.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

63. Suggestions for the development of Agriculture, etc., in the Shertallay taluk.

Mr. A. Rama Panikkar (Member, Shertallay taluk) said that, in response to their frequent representations, Government had undertaken the responsibility of closing and opening the Manakodam bar and also of putting up bunds at Pulluveli, Penadi, Palliathodu, Arasumuttu, Pandarathimuttu and Neendakaramuttu. The bunds at Pulluveli and Penadi should be completed before the 1st Vrischigom 1095 and the bunds at the remaining four places before the Manakodam bar was opened at the close of the southwest monsoon. All the bunds should also be provided with sluices so as to keep out salt water and drain the paddy field whenever required.

He next requested that the canals and other water courses should be deepened so as to allow free flow of water.

A Board consisting of the Kottayam Dewan Peishkar, the Chief Engineer and the Director of Agriculture should be appointed to investigate the condition of the *kari* lands and suggest measures for their proper cultivation.

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A Demonstration Farm should be opened at Shertallay and an Agricultural Inspector posted to the taluk. A cattle pound should also be established at Kuthiathodu for the benefit of the agriculturists.

A large extent of land had been acquired in connection with the opening of the canal between Shertallay and Alleppey and there were broad strips left on either side of it. They should be disposed of in convenient blocks for being converted into shop sites.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

64. Agricultural needs of the Vaikom taluk.

Mr. Varki Tharien (Member, Vaikom taluk) represented that there were about 50,000 *paras* of paddy lands lying waste in the taluk, because the people did not know how to cultivate them profitably. The *virippu*, *mundakan* and *punja* lands were also not yielding adequate return. To inquire into the condition of those lands the Director of Agriculture should be deputed, who should suggest the measures that should be adopted to make paddy cultivation profitable on those lands.

He also suggested the formation of a Committee composed of official and non-official members and presided over by the Tahsildar to look into the question of the repair of the irrigation canals which had become silted up, and see what other steps should be taken to improve the facilities for the development of agriculture.

He understood that about 3,000 *paras* of *tharisu* land in Vechur Kizhakumbhagam known as the Venthakari, which had been reserved at the time of the survey for providing manure to the ryots and for cattle-grazing, were to be thrown open for registry. If that was so, orders should be issued to prohibit the registry and to have the boundaries well demarcated and the lands maintained as a forest for the communal requirements of the people.

The construction of the Valianapuzha bund, though beneficial to the *punja* cultivation, was causing much damage to the *virippu* and *mundakan* lands by allowing water to stagnate in them. He, therefore, prayed that another bund might be constructed from Ullalail, south of the Maranvecttil *thodu*, to Kallara with a sluice in the Kottayam *thodu*, for the protection of *punja* lands and that the Valianapuzha bund might be cut open. He added that the five years' time prescribed in G. O. No. 3007/P. W., dated the 10th May 1910, had expired long ago and that the question should be taken up once again for consideration. He prayed that the Dewan might also inspect the locality.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, will be asked to inspect the grazing ground referred to by the Member and submit a report. In regard to the Valianapuzha bund, I shall try to inspect the place personally, when I next go on tour to those parts. The other points are noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5·5 P. M.

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